

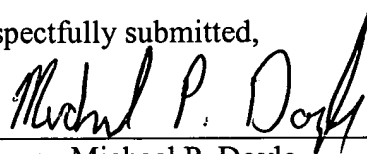
REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 11, 2005, in which claims 1-4, 7-15 were allowed and 35-65 were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 16-69 are canceled. As such, Applicant believes all objections to the pending claims have been overcome and the case may proceed to issuance.

Applicant submits that all claims are allowable as written and respectfully request early favorable action by the Examiner. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney of record.

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